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SUBJ: ARRESTS OF SUSPECTED EXTREMISTS

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1. OCT 20 PRESS REPORTED ZADAR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 16 PERSONS EARLIER UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR "DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES" HAVE BEEN INDICTED FOR "CRIMINAL ACTS ENDANGERING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE", AND FOR FORMING AN ANTI-STATE ORGANIZATION.

2. THE 16 ARE ACCUSED OF FORMING AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "CROATIAN LIBERATION REVOLUTIONARY ARMY" AND PLOTTING VARIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE INCLUDING SABOTAGE AND ASSASSINATIONS. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION WAS DESCRIBED AS ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT STATE OF CROATIA ALONG USTASHI LINES.

3. PROSECUTOR SAID GROUP "ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH AN DEMANDED MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FROM" EXTREMIST USTASHI EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS, AND UNDERTOOK TO PROCURE ARMS, AMMUNITION, AND

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EXPLOSIVES BOTH WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA AND ABROAD. TRIAL OF 16 WHO

ARE NAMED IN ARTICLES, WILL TAKE PLACE THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER.

4. COMMENT: RELATIVELY DETAILED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BY
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE INDICATE AUTHORITIES SEE THIS CASE AS EXCELLENT
COUNTERBALANCE TO COMINFORMIST ARRESTS, AND INTEND TO PLAY IT AS
SUCH.

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